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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR

EO 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: LETTER TO MRS. SADAT RE GIFT FOR HER CHARITY

REF: STATE 49729

1. SINCE MADAME SADAT AND HER SECRETARY HAVE BEEN OUT OF CAIRO LAST FEW DAYS, I HAVE STILL NOT BEEN ABLE TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT WITH HER. HOWEVER, WHILE WITH FAHMY LAST EVENING I TOLD HIM I HAD ASKED TO SEE HER IN ORDER TO DELIVER YOUR LETTER ABOUT THE GIFT FOR HER CHARITY. A COPY OF THAT LETTER WOULD HAVE TO BE SIGNED BY THE APPROPRIATE CHARITY OFFICER SO THAT IT CAN SERVE AS AN OBLIGATING DOCUMENT.

2. FAHMY SAID HE SAW NO REASON TO BOTHER MADAME SADAT SIMPLY TO ARRANGE FOR THE SIGNATURE OF AN OBLIGATING DOCUMENT. IF IT WERE A NEW GIFT, IT WOULD BE SOMETHING ELSE. HE ASKED THAT I GIVE HIM THE LETTER AND HE WOULD ARRANGE TO GET THE NECESSARY SIGNATURES AND INFORM MADAME SADAT.

3. FAHMY THEN ASKED WHERE THE MONEY WILL BE COMING FROM. I TOLD HIM THAT, AS HE KNEW, IT WILL BE DRAWN FROM ONE OF OUR US-HELD PL-480 EGYPTIAN POUND ACCOUNTS. FAHMY SAID WE SHOULD KNOW THAT THESE ACCOUNTS ARE NO MORE THAN NUMBERS. NO SUCH EGYPTIAN POUNDS ARE IN FACT BEING HELD ON DEPOSIT. OUR GIFT IS THUS SIMPLY A TRANSFER FROM ONE
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EGYPTIAN POCKET TO ANOTHER. INSTEAD, WE SHOULD PROVIDE

DOLLAR HELP TO HER CHARITY AS HE CLAIMED HE HAD MENTIONED TO YOU.

4. I REMINDED FAHMY THAT THESE FUNDS REPRESENT USG MONIES. I SAID I WAS AWARE OF GOE'S LIQUIDITY PROBLEM, BUT I ASSUMED THAT FUNDS WOULD SOMEHOW BE FOUND TO HONOR OUR CHECK DRAWN TO MADAME SADAT'S CHARITY. FAHMY LAUGHED AND AGREED. HE REPEATED AN EARLIER CONTENTION OF HIS, HOWEVER, THAT WE SHOULD PROVIDE DOUBLE THE AMOUNT THAT WE ARE GIVING.

5. COMMENT: IN VIEW OF FAHMY'S INSISTENCE, I WILL PROCEED AS HE WISHES UNLESS MADAME SADAT INDICATES OTHERWISE.
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